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Portable Electric Heaters Recalled by Aloha Housewares Due to Fire Hazard

DES MOINES, IA (February 25, 2007) – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Aloha Housewares Inc., of Arlington, Texas, has announced a voluntary recall of a portable electric heater, which can overheat and melt plastic parts, posing a fire hazard. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Aloha Housewares has received 29 reports of the heaters melting, smoking or catching fire, including 18 reports of property damage. One consumer reported minor burns to the hands and feet. This recall involves electric oscillating tower heaters with the name "Aloha Breeze" printed on the top. The white heaters have model number 02044 and dates codes 06/06, 06/07, 06/08 or 06/09. Model numbers and date codes are printed on the silver label located on the back of the heater, near the bottom.



Manufactured in China, the Aloha Breeze was sold at Wal-Mart and small chain retail stores nationwide from August 2006 through November 2007 for between \$35 and \$45. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled heaters and contact Aloha Housewares to receive a replacement product.

For additional information, contact Aloha Housewares at (800) 295-4448 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or email the firm at ahitexaslg@aol.com. A picture of the recalled product is shown at left.

Aloha heater recall

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